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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

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06-28-05 A09:00 IN	(PCT Rule 44.1)
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9336.20.WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/US2004/035424	International filing date (day/month/year) 26/10/2004
Applicant	
ORIEL THERAPEUTICS, INC.	
Authority have been established and are transmitted herew Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19: The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the clain When? The time limit for filing such amendments is nor International Search Report; however, for more Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 3- 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Fi For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the account of the International search Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International search Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International search Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International search Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International search Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International search Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International search	ms of the International Application (see Rule 46): rmally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet. 4 chemin des Colombettes ascimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35 companying sheet. h report will be established and that the declaration under international Searching Authority are transmitted herewith. conal fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that: en transmitted to the International Bureau together with the cotest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
4. Reminders Shortly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International E before the completion of the technical preparations for internation. The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the	e publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international Bureau as provided in Rules 90 <i>bis</i> .1 and 90 <i>bis</i> .3, respectively, anal publication. • written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the
International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of international preliminary examination report has been or is to be the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date, but only in respect of so	of such comments to all designated Offices unless an established. These comments would also be made available to ority date.

examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the PCT Applicant's

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acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims,description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and B2).

The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that amendments to the claims under Article 19 are not allowed where the International Searching Authority has declared, under Article 17(2), that no international search report would be established (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, paragraph 296).

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.										
This International Search Report consists	of a total of6 she	ets.								
It is also accompanied by	a copy of each prior art document of	ted in this i	report.							
1. Basis of the report										
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3. X Unity of invention is lack	king (see Box III).									
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as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.										
b. none of the figures is to be	published with the abstract.									

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Dry powder drug containment packages (25) with tab members (30) and meted dose sealed drug compartments (25d) can be used in an inhaler (10) having a flow chamber (40) with a hook member (50) that opens the drug compartments (25d) and/or a portion that flexes to vibrate the dry powder to facilitate fluidic active dispersion for inhalation.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)
This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
sée additional sheet
As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1,2,4,5,7,9,12-17,25
Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12-17, 25

None

2. claims: 3, 4, 6, 8, 21

A drug containment system wherein the tab members have a loop member (Problem: to avoid parts of the sealant material to be inhale by the patient)

3. claims: 10, 11, 18

A drug containment system wherein each tab is associated with a plurality of drug compartments (Problem: to allow combination inhalation dry powder drug delivery in operative position in an inhaler)

4. claims: 19, 20, 22-24

A drug containment system wherein the plurality of drug compartments is at least 60 (Problem: to permit the user to have a longer journey with only one package)

5. claims: 26-50, 65-74

A dry powder inhaler with vibrator, and method of operating (Problem: to prevent agglomeration fo the powder)

6. claims: 51-64

A multi-dose dry powder inhaler with a hook member (Problem: to facilitate the opening of the blister)

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C. DOCUM	ENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the	relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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*Special categories of cited documents: "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed		"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art. "&" document member of the same patent family Date of mailing of the international search report	
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Information on patent family members

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From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY To: WRITTEN OPINION OF THE see form PCT/ISA/220 _ _ INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1) Date of mailing (day/month/year) see form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet) Applicant's or agent's file reference FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below see form PCT/ISA/220 Priority date (day/month/year) International filing date (day/month/year) International application No. 27.10.2003 26.10.2004 PCT/US::004/035424 International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC A61J1/03, A61M15/00, B65D75/36, B65B5/10 Applicant ORIEL THERAPEUTICS, INC. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: Box No. I Basis of the opinion ☐ Box No. II Priority Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability ☑ Box No. III Lack of unity of invention Box No. iV Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial Box No. V applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement Certain documents cited ☐ Box No. VI ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application **FURTHER ACTION** 2. Date If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notifed the International Bureau under Rule 66.1 bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered. If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of malling of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220. 3. Authorized Officer Name and mailing address of the ISA:

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International application No. PCT/US2004/035424

	Вох	No	I Basis of the opinion
١.	With the la	reg ang	ard to the language , this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in uage in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
		and	s opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following juage , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search der Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2.	With nece	reg essa	ard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and Try to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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4. Additional comments:

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	(No. III – Non-establishment c licability	of opi	nion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial			
The obv	questions whether the claimed ious), or to be industrially applic	inver able l	ntion appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non have not been examined in respect of:			
	the entire international applicat	ion,				
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bec	ause:					
	the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):					
Ľ	the description, claims or draw unclear that no meaningful opin	ings (nion ((indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. are so could be formed (specify):			
	the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.					
\boxtimes	no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos. 3, 4, 6 8, 10, 11, 18-24, 26-74					
	the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Anne C of the Administrative Instructions in that:					
	the written form		has not been furnished			
			does not comply with the standard			
	the computer readable form		has not been furnished			
			does not comply with the standard			
	the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, on not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.					
	See separate sheet for further details					

	Вох	No. IV	Lack of unity of in	nvention				
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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

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Re Item IV.

1 The separate inventions/groups of inventions are:

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12-17, 25: None

3, 4, 6, 8, 21:

A drug containment system wherein the tab members have a loop member (Problem: to avoid parts of the sealant material to be inhale by the patient)

10, 11, 18

A drug containment system wherein each tab is associated with a plurality of drug compartments

(Problem: to allow combination inhalation dry powder drug delivery in operative position in an inhaler)

19, 20, 22-24

A drug containment system wherein the plurality of drug compartments is at least 60 (Problem: to permit the user to have a longer journey with only one package)

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A dry powder inhaler with vibrator, and method of operating (Problem: to prevent agglomeration fo the powder)

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A multi-dose dry powder inhaler with a hook member (Problem: to facilitate the opening of the blister)

- 2 They are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (Rule 13.1 PCT) for the following reasons:
- 2.1 The document US-A-5622166 (of which the document US-A-6029663 cited in the description is a continuation) cited in the search report discloses a dry powder inhaler

delivery system comprising essentially:

- a multi-dose package,
- a support member,
- a drug compartment,
- a sealant material,
- a tab member,
- an elongate chamber,
- an air inlet port,
- a mouthpiece.

Over this prior art, no special technical feature (in the meaning of Rule 13.2 PCT) remains in claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12-17, 25 of the application.

2.2 Over this prior art, the potential special technical features (in the meaning of Rule 13.2 of the PCT) in the independent and dependent claims are:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12-17, 25: none,

Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 21: A drug containment system wherein the tab members have a loop member,

Claims 10, 11, 18: A drug containment system wherein each tab is associated with a plurality of drug compartments,

Claims 19, 20, 22-24: A drug containment system wherein the plurality of drug compartments is at least 60,

Claims 26-50, 65-74: A dry powder inhaler with vibrator, and method of operating, Claims 51-64: A multi-dose dry powder inhaler with a hook member.

- 2.3 Accordingly, it appears that a posteriori, the above listed claims do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.
- 2.4 Furthermore, it is pointed out that also when considering the effects associated with the different groups of claims, no single general inventive concept exists between said different groups. Since there exists no other common special technical feature within the meaning of Rule 13.2 PCT, no technical relationship between the different groups of claims can be seen.

Re Item V.

- Reference is made to the following document:
 D1: US 5 622 166 A (EISELE ET AL) 22 April 1997 (1997-04-22)
- 4 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1
- 4.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

 Document D1 (see column 2, line 55 column 3, line 42, figures 1-7) discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

 A multi-dose drug containment system package adapted for use in an inhaler (20), comprising:
 - a support member (46) comprising a plurality of spaced apart drug compartments (36), each drug compartment (36) having a sealant material (56) detachably sealed thereto; and
 - a plurality of spaced apart tab members (48), a respective tab member (48) attached to a portion of sealant material (56) that extends over one or more drug compartments (36), wherein a respective tab member (48) is operatively associated with at least one drug compartment (36) so that, in operation, the respective tab member (48) is configured to be grasped, such grasping causing the associated sealant material (56) to pull away from at least one drug compartment (48) to release a drug held therein.
- DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12-17, 25
 Dependent claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12-17, 25 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 5.1 In particular, the features of claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12-17, 25 are disclosed in combination with the features of claim 1 in D1 (see column 2, line 55 column 3, line 42, figures 1-7).
- The system package described in the claims is industrially manufacturable, and therefore meet the requirements of Article 33(4) PCT.

Re Item VII.

- Independent claims 1, 15 and 16 are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document D1) being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).
- The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
- Ontrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.